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Jurors' employers are appreciated too

Riverside County – Jury service means rearranging schedules, canceling appointments, and most times missing work. It requires a sacrifice for not only the juror, but for his or her employer as well.

It is important that the justice system is supported by its citizens and the business community it serves, and trial courts throughout the state will show their appreciation with a number of activities during **Jury Appreciation Week, May 13 through 17.**

In addition to thanking the jurors, Riverside Superior Court would also like to recognize the business owners and other employers who allow their employees a significant amount of paid time off, in some cases unlimited hours, to serve as jurors when they are called. “Without the continued support and sacrifices made by these generous employers, and of course the jurors themselves, the justice system could not work as our founding fathers intended it to,” said Superior Court Judge Dallas Holmes, Supervising Judge of the Civil Division and Chair of the Jury Services Committee for Riverside County.

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There are many legitimate financial and practical reasons employers cannot afford to pay their employees while on jury duty. However, sometimes businesses must utilize the justice system, and most recognize the importance of having a pool of potential jurors that represent a cross-section of the community.

Many generous employers, private and public, support the justice system in Riverside County. Some are Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, The Press-Enterprise, The Desert Sun, University of California Riverside, City of Riverside, County of Riverside, CB Richard Ellis in Indian Wells, Costco Wholesale, Del Webb in Palm Desert, Federal Express, JFK Memorial Hospital in Indio, Mervyn’s, and Marriott Hotel in Rancho Mirage. There are many others, too numerous to list here. The Riverside Superior Court would like to express its sincere appreciation for their support.

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